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May 1, 1941

AIR MAIL

My dear Miss Lawrence:

In Miss Voss' absence on a field trip I am writing you about a conference with Mr. Tribus of the Treasury which Miss Goddard and I have just had. Mr. Tribus has received a telegram and air mail letter from Mr. Swets indicating that the air field project for Haines is coming to life again and that if it does, the Government would probably wish a longer runway than that provided for in the Board's original action. The additional cleared strip which would be needed would apparently be a thousand foot extension of the original runway, this extension to reach to the water's edge at Portage Cove. We have just checked up on one of our maps and find that this proposed extension would come down to the water between Haines House and the Army Post and that it would seem to be very close to our buildings.

The Board has already gone on record as wishing to cooperate in every way possible in the development of the proposed air field. On the other hand if the granting of an additional strip of land would have a harmful effect on Haines House we should know so at once. Please send us your judgment by return air mail. Mr. Tribus has wired Colonel Wampole at Haines to ask him to wire or send air mail full information concerning the need of an additional runway. When this comes in he is planning to take up the proposal with the War Department in Washington. I am hoping that we will have your reply before this procedure is completed.

Very sincerely yours

Katharine E. Gladfolter  
Assistant Secretary, Unit of  
Educational and Medical Work

Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
KEG:J

Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Unit of Building Aid \$ *pay for Mrs. G. G. G.*

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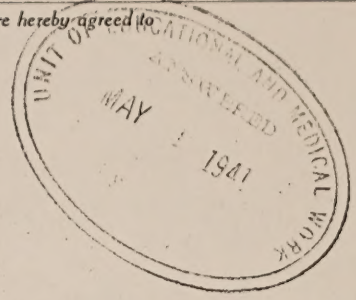
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to



MAY 1, 1941

COLONEL BERT WAMPOLE  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
U.S. ARMY AIR DEPOT  
HALES, ALASKA

PLEASE WIRE OR WRITE AIRMAIL FULL INFORMATION CONCERNING NEED BY ARMY OF ADDITIONAL RUNWAY ON BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS PROPERTY. BOARD ANXIOUS TO COOPERATE FULLY. ADDRESS C. N. MONACOTT, BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

LUCIEN H. TRIBUS,  
ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL

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Miss Gladfelter  
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May 21, 1941

Here is Miss Lawrence's reply to my inquiry regarding the implications, if any, of a possible extension of the proposed Air Base runway on our property at Haines House:

"Yes, Mr. Swets talked with me about Col. Wampole's request that the Air Base grant be extended to reach through our property to the Bay. I can see no reason why that should be at all harmful to our buildings. It would take more of our timber land but that isn't used much now anyhow and we could make use of the wood for fuel."

Katharine E. Gladfelter

KEG:J

May 21, 1941

My dear Miss Lawrence:

This is to acknowledge your letter of May 7 reporting that you see no reason why a possible extension of the proposed Air Base runway would be harmful to Haines House. Since you see no objection to the extension, I am reporting accordingly to Mr. Tribus. I understand that he has not yet received any official reply to his telegram to Colonel Wampole.

Very sincerely yours

Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Assistant Secretary, Unit of  
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Miss Harriett A. Lawrence  
Haines House  
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# Haines House

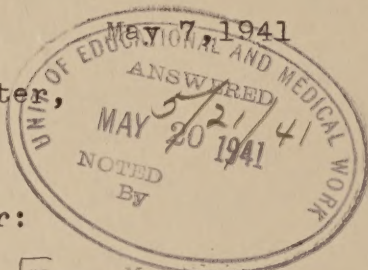
Haines, Alaska

Conducted by

The Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Harriett Lawrence, Director

Miss Katherine Gladfelter,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.



My dear Miss Gladfelter:

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we could make use of the wood for fuel.]

Sincerely,

Harriett A. Lawrence

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COPY  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska

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January 23, 1942

Mr. C. N. Wonacott  
156 5th Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wonacott:

The possibilities of obtaining a local Air Port seem very bright and now with the conditions as they are it is a necessity. In going over the ground with Mr. Griffin I find the proposed field will not interfere in any way with the development of our farm land. In fact it will benefit us considerably in that the "Tree Cutting Permit" will open new pasture land that now is swamp and filled with small brush and scrub trees which are useless. All of the timber cut will be used in our own Home thus aiding our fule budget.

I heartily support the signing of the Lease and Tree Cutting Permit.

sincerely

(signed) Rev. Edwin E. Knudsen  
Rev. Edwin E. Knudsen  
Director

February 3, 1942

Copy for Miss Goddard, with copy  
of Mr. Knudsen's letter

Rev. Edwin B. Knudsen, Director  
Haines House Haines, Alaska  
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mr. Knudsen:

I was glad to receive your letter of January 23.

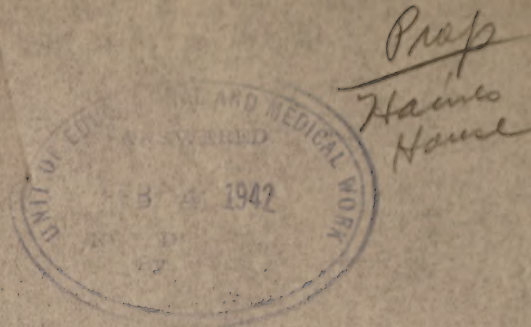
I note in the closing paragraph thereof you state that you heartily support the signing of the Lease and Tree Cutting Permit. For your information, we have not received either the lease or the tree cutting permit, nor have we any information other than your letter concerning these papers.

We shall take your letter under advisement as soon as we receive same, however.

Sincerely yours

Lucien H. Tribus  
Assistant General Counsel

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## PROPERTY AT HAINES, ALASKA

The United States Government is considering the development of an airport in Haines, Alaska, as part of the National Defense Program. The Board has been asked to release to the Government a strip of land, extending approximately 1600 feet, to be used as part of the runway. This is uncleared land which is not being used by the Board at the present time, and which has never been used. In or about the year 1896 the Board of Home Missions acquired Occupancy Rights to approximately  $366\frac{1}{2}$  acres of property in order to develop its missionary work among the natives at Haines. In recognition of the Board's rights the Board of Home Missions was requested by the United States Government, several years later, to transfer to it, for use of the Fort William Henry Seward Post (now known as the Chilkoot Barracks) 100 acres of land to be taken from such Occupancy Rights. The Board released this 100 acres to the Government without charge. Subsequently, the Board of Home Missions applied to the Government for Patent to the remaining land held under the Occupancy Rights, and under date of September 16, 1912 a Patent was issued to the Board for the remaining  $266\frac{1}{2}$  acres, our present holdings at Haines. The Military post has been maintained at Haines ever since and is a great support to the little Village.

It is now recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the proper officers of the Board, be and they hereby are, authorized, in the name and behalf of the Board and under its seal, to execute any and all resolutions, indentures, conveyances, or special forms required to complete the transfer of the land required by the United States Government, for the creation of an airport at Haines, Alaska, without making any charge to the Government for the required portion of the Board's land.

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(NOTE: Since the conferences between the Treasury and the Department of Missionary operation which resulted in the above recommended resolution, a letter has been received from Miss Ogg who, at the time of writing, was in Alaska. Miss Ogg states that she was advised by Mr. Swets (an employee of the Board who has represented the Board in property matters in Haines) that:

"The Haines people had raised a fund to purchase land which they would make as a gift to the Government."

and that she had told Mr. Swets:

"that I felt the Board's land should be bought on the same basis as from other owners."

and that she had also advised Mr. Swets to secure equal treatment for the

Board as the only fair way.

Miss Ogg's letter gives no indication that she is aware that this property was acquired without any cost to the Board, or that the Board gave back to the government, without charge, 100 acres of this same tract. This latter fact was a rather decisive factor during the conferences held preliminary to the drafting in the above resolution.)

from: REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE  
TO  
Executive Committee  
Board of National Missions  
September 20, 1940

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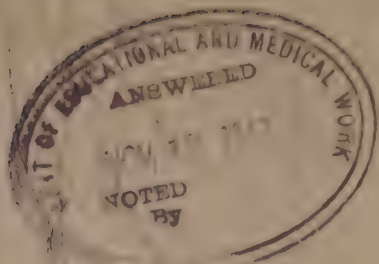
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EDWIN E KNUDSEN.

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Nov. 16, 1912.

AIR MAIL

Haines, Alaska

Rev. Edwin E. Knudsen,  
Haines House,  
Haines, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Knudsen:

In reply to your telegram of November 14th, would ask you to please have the Government prepare the lease which they wish executed by this Board, and send same to this office. I will submit the lease to the Board with recommendation for approval. Please enclose a sketch showing the location of the property with relation to our work.

Sincerely yours,

Lucien H. Tribus  
Assistant General Counsel

LHT/MT

C.C. to Miss Goddard

I asked Mr. Tribes if  
he thought there was any  
reason why this should  
be approved now and  
he said No - He thought  
we should wait for free  
information -

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE  
BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

NOV 25 1942

TO  
FROM  
RE:

Miss Voss  
L. H. Tribus  
Haines, Alaska

DATE November 24, 1942.

Attached is copy of wire received from Mr. Edwin E. Knudsen and copy of my wire and letter in reply.

I think it might be well to ask Mr. Knudsen not to send so many telegrams as invariably his telegrams do not contain enough information so that we have to write anyhow and this delays the transaction more than if he had written in the first place.

L.H.Tribus

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November 19, 1942

AIRMAIL

My dear Mr. Knudsen:

I have just learned today that a request from the War Department for the leasing of a part of our Haines House property was sent to Dr. Morse and replied to by Mr. Tribus. Fortunately, Mr. Tribus works closely with this office and sent us a copy of his letter to you of November 16 asking that the Government prepare the lease and asking you to send him a sketch showing the location of the property with relation to our work at Haines. Otherwise, this whole transaction might have gone through without the Unit responsible for this property and this work knowing anything about it. This, of course, is a confession of headquarters' lack of a system of cooperation. It can be overcome, however, if our executives will in cases of this sort send requests to the Board through this office rather than direct to Dr. Morse, who, in his eagerness to comply with a request, often assumes that matters have been cleared with the unit concerned when they have not been, as in this case.

No harm done this time but we shall appreciate it if in the future matters of this sort clear through this office. At least this tells us that the Knudsen and Haines House are still in the land of the living! I couldn't resist this little dig.

Best wishes to all you folks at Haines. We think of you and talk of you often.

Very sincerely yours,

Edna R. Voss, Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

Rev. Edwin E. Knudsen  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
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cc: Mr. Tribus

November 23, 1942.

AIR MAIL

Rev. Edwin E. Knudsen,  
Haines House,  
Haines, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Knudsen:

In reply to your telegram of November 23rd, please be advised that the Board is willing to enter into a lease for PRA road to cross the property. As advised you in my letter of November 16th, kindly have the Government prepare the lease and send same to this office for execution. You do not have the authority to sign a lease or any other instrument conveying title to, or interest in, real property in behalf of this Board. The only representatives of the Board that have this authority are the President, Vice President, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer. I realize that this sometimes causes inconvenience in view of the distance between the various mission fields and the Home Office.

Also please advise the price which has been offered for the Hand house. I am enclosing a survey made by Frank Metcalf of Juneau in November 1928. I presume that Lot 5 Block 4, which you refer to, is one of the lots shown on this survey. Will you please indicate on this map the location of the Hand house and the property to be leased to the Government. So far as I know, the Board has good title to Lot 5, Block 4 as I find same is included within the boundary of our property as described in a certain deed dated June 15, 1931 and recorded in the office of the District Recorder for Skaguay District on July 6, 1931 in Vol. 11 of Deeds, page 444, 445. We are not making any representations, however, in the lease as to our title. The leasees will have to satisfy themselves in this respect as it is the policy of the Board not to make any warranties of title of any nature whatsoever.

As soon as I receive the information in connection with the Hand property, I shall communicate with Miss Voss, head of the Unit in charge, and will advise you whether or not the offer is acceptable.

With kind personal regards and best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lucien H. Tribus  
Assistant General Counsel

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or similar phrases may be  
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November 23, 1942.

Edwin E. Enudsen,  
Haines House,  
Haines, Alaska.

Have government prepare lease and send to Board treasurer for signature.  
Also advise price offered for Haines house. Letter follows.

Lucien H. Tribus  
Assist General Counsel

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L. H. Tribus

156 Fifth Avenue, New York

*Public Road Admin. Copy*

Requests for lease for Pra Road to cross property are urgent stop  
Do I have authority to act query is title clear to property on lot five  
block four query we have offer of purchase of house on hand property the  
house to be moved please advise--

Edwin E. Knudsen.

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Copy for Miss Ross

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Jan. 4, 1943.

M. V. Raney, P.R.A. Agent,  
Haines, Alaska.

Re telegram letter of instructions sent Rev. Knudsen November 23rd.  
Will be glad to cooperate with government every possible way but must  
have detailed information. Government should prepare necessary papers.

L. H. Tribus  
Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Copy for Miss Voss

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L TRIBUE

156 FIFTH AVE NYK

REFERENCE REV. KNUDSON REQUEST RIGHT OF WAY GRANT THRU MISSION PROPERTY  
FOR ROAD STARTING NE CORNER CHILKOOTBARRACKS SHEARING NORTHWESTERLY  
TO AND THENCE SKIRTING GRANT TO CAA STOP REQUEST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY  
FEET WIDTH APPROX FIFTY SEVEN HUNDRED FEET LENGTH TOTALING FIFTEEN  
POINT SEVEN ACRES STOP REQUEST REPLY BY WIRE AND IF POSSIBLE LEGAL  
GRANT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE

M V RANEY PRA AGENT HAINESALS JAN

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1/10/43

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L. H. Tribue, Board National Presbyterian Missions  
156 Fifth Ave. (New York)

Please wire permission rest of entry stop. Proper description and papers  
being forwarded ship also stipulate amount of any contemplated charges.

M. V. Raney Psa Agent Hains Als.

Mr. Tribus  
Miss Voss

January 13, 1943

Relative to the Government's several requests for land from our holdings at Haines, Alaska, you will be interested in the following from a letter from Mr. Knudsen dated December 19:

"We are expecting great things here with the extension of the highway and our work will have to change without doubt. By the time the highway and airport are completed we will have little property left and we may have to close our dairy for lack of pasturage. We will know more in the spring as to how things will come along."

Edna R. Voss, Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

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These cases

Had another correspondence  
+ they talked with Mr. Fisher  
There have been 3 requests  
as I see it.

1 To have land  $\frac{1}{2}$  then left  
in between - 3 blocks west  
of pub. school -

2 - To sell Hand? House.

3 - To give right of way  
for road through Russian  
property -

Then all goes back to Krumpholtz  
and in each case full infor-  
mation was requested -

Mr. Krumpholtz has sent  
nothing but Telegrams with  
insufficient information -

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Miss Gladfelter  
Miss Voss

January 14, 1943

I am turning over to you this material relative to concessions to the Government at Haines, Alaska. Mr. Tribus says there is nothing whatever for us to do about it until he receives further information from the Government officials themselves.

Edna R. Voss, Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
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*I have forwarded to Haines  
about Road right of way*

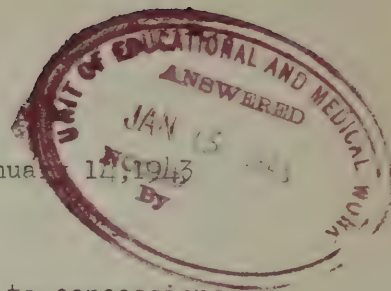
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TO Miss Gladfelter  
FROM Miss Voss  
RE:

DATE January

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F.m.g. Please hold and let me know when the promised papers are received.  
R.s.g.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION

Anchorage, Alaska  
January 23, 1943

SECRET

AIRMAIL

Mr. Lucien H. Tribus,  
Assistant General Counsel  
Board of National Missions of the  
Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Subject: Proposed Landing Field, Haines, Alaska

Reference: Our letter of April 23, 1942 and your reply  
of May 4, 1942

Dear Sir:

As explained in our letter of April 23 the construction of a landing field at Haines was not authorized last year and the leasing of the land and the plans for the establishment of the field were held in abeyance.

Funds for this project have again been requested in this year's budget, and it is anticipated that the project will be approved. We desire, therefore, to make definite arrangements for leasing this land.

Enclosed with our letter of April 23 we submitted drawing DB-13-11 indicating the boundaries of the tract to be leased. The area contained therein was considered the minimum that would serve our purpose. Due to the possible expansion of the facilities at this field it now appears advantageous to us to lease a much larger tract if you desire to do so. Indicated in red pencil on drawing DB-13-11, attached, is a suggested boundary of the tract comprising 146.77 acres. A fair rental on this land is believed to be \$1 per acre per year. We would, therefore, recommend approval of a lease in the amount of approximately \$150 per year renewable by the Government annually and expiring after fifteen years. In addition we would like a permit to remove any or all trees within the 24.92 acre tract as indicated on the drawing. We consider that \$50 is a fair value

January 23, 1943

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for the permission to remove these trees. All trees out on your property would be removed so as not to interfere with construction operations and would remain as placed to be disposed of as you see fit.

Please let us know if these terms meet with your approval so that we can prepare the necessary agreements should this project be authorized by our Washington Office.

By direction of the Regional Manager:

Very truly yours,  
(Sgd) W. P. Plett  
Superintendent of Airways

Enc.

These documents contain information affecting the national defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Act, 50 USC, 31 and 32. Their transmission or the revelation of their contents in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

C O P Y

Subject: Proposed Landing Field,  
Haines, Alaska

Reference: Your letter Jan 23, 1943

Mr. W. P. Plett  
Superintendent of Airway  
Department of Commerce  
Civil Aeronautics Administration  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Plett:

I am sorry that I have not been able to reply to your letter of January 23rd before this date but I have been absent on an extended trip to the field and have just returned. In the meantime your letter has been kept in our safe reserved for confidential papers.

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Very truly yours,

Lucien H. Tribus  
Assistant General Counsel

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Anchorage, Alaska  
January 23, 1943

SECRET

AIR MAIL

Mr. Lucian H. Tribus,  
Assistant General Counsel  
Board of National Missions of the  
Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Subject: Proposed Landing Field, Haines, Alaska

Reference: Our letter of April 23, 1942 and your  
reply of May 4, 1942

Dear Sir:

As explained in our letter of April 23 the construction of a landing field at Haines was not authorized last year, and the leasing of the land and the plans for the establishment of the field were held in abeyance.

Funds for this project have again been requested in this year's budget, and it is anticipated that the project will be approved. We desire, therefore, to make definite arrangements for leasing this land.

Enclosed with our letter of April 23 we submitted drawing 18-18-11 indicating the boundaries of the tract to be leased. The area contained therein was considered the minimum that would serve our purpose. Due to the possible expansion of the facilities at this field it now appears advantageous to us to lease a much larger tract if you desire to do so. Indicated in red pencil on drawing 18-18-11, attached, is a suggested boundary of the tract comprising 146.77 acres. A fair rental on this land is believed to be \$1.00 per acre per year. We would, therefore, recommend approval of a lease in the amount of approximately \$150.00 per year renewable by the Government annually and expiring after fifteen years. In addition we would like a permit to remove any or all trees within

Mr. Lucien H. Tribus - 2

January 25, 1945

the 24.92 acre tract as indicated on the drawing. We consider that \$20.00 is a fair value for the permission to remove these trees. All trees out on your property would be removed so as not to interfere with construction operations and would remain as placed to be disposed of as you see fit.

Please let us know if these terms meet with your approval so that we can prepare the necessary agreements should this project be authorized by our Washington Office.

By direction of the Regional Manager:

Very truly yours,

W. P. Flett  
Superintendent of Airways

Enclosure

cc: Xean:VFF

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Dear Miss Voss

This lease was made out and sent to White Horse for approval by the Dowell Construction Co. It is of a temporary nature and will aid us in no small way as it will mean the clearing of some good ground that can later be used for pasture land.

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*Rec'd Feb. 8, 1943*

February 10, 1943

My dear Mr. Knudsen:

Miss Voss has asked me to acknowledge your note of recent date, enclosing the lease agreement covering the property which the <sup>D</sup>owell Construction Company wishes to rent for a camp site for the road crew. We are turning this over to Mr. Tribus who will review the lease and if it is satisfactory, will have it signed and returned to you.

We had a telegram a short while ago from Mr. M. V. Roney, PRA agent for Haines, Alaska, asking for right of way for the proposed new road. He stated that the proper description and papers were being forwarded. These have not reached us to date. We presume you know the planned location of this road, and would appreciate it if you would send us a rough sketch of the property, as requested in Mr. Tribus' letter of November 23, showing the location of this right of way and also of the camp site in relation to the buildings on the Board property. Also, please let us know how the right of way will affect the Board's property.

In one of your telegrams, sent in November, you mentioned that you had an offer for the purchase of the house on the Hand property; the house to be moved. Mr. Tribus wired you, asking that you recommend a suitable price for this but there has been no reply to this. In sending in your sketch, please also indicate the location of this Hand house and be sure to let us have a suggestion as to a suitable price.

We would appreciate it if you would let us have this information as soon as you can.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant in the Unit  
Educational and Medical Work

Rev. Edwin R. Knudsen  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska

FMG:kfd

To : Mr. Tribus  
From : Miss Goddard Date : February 10, 1943  
Re: Property at Haines, Alaska

Attached is the lease agreement for the property at Haines, Alaska, which the Dowell Construction Company desires to rent for a camp site for the road crew. I am turning this over to you to review. If it is satisfactory will you please see that it is signed and returned to Mr. Knudsen.

You will see from the attached note and previous correspondence from Mr. Knudsen that he approves leasing this property since it will not interfere with the work of the Home and will provide for the clearing of some good ground which can be used later for pasture land.

As yet the papers relating to the right of way for the road itself have not been received. I am returning your file relating to this matter.

I notice that the telegram which you sent to Mr. Raney was addressed to Haines, Alaska. His telegram came from Governors Island and I wonder, therefore, if he did not receive your message.

When these papers arrive and you have an opportunity to go over the amount of land desired we shall appreciate it if you will suggest a suitable charge in order to answer Mr. Raney's question.

In looking over this correspondence about property, I find that we have not had any further word about the proposed sale of the house on the Hand property which Mr. Knudsen mentioned, and in acknowledging this letter, I am asking him about that.

Welcome home.

Assistant in the Unit  
Educational and Medical Work

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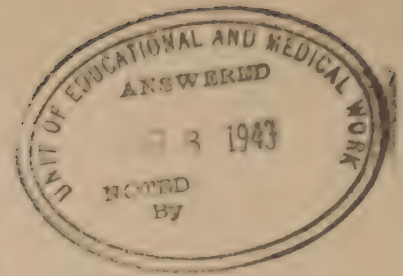
# Haines House

Haines, Alaska

Owned and operated by

Board of National Missions  
of the

Presbyterian Church in the United States of America



Edwin E. Knudsen, Executive

Feb, 24, 1943

Edna R. Voss  
156 5th. Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Voss:

This is a letter of speculation, you know, guessing what the war Department is going to really do, and what are we going to do with the problems at hand.

First: Capt Byers of U.S.E.D. called yesterday for the purpose of ascertaining how necessary our Mission was to the area of So. Eastern Alaska and what would be involved if they decided to appropriate the remaining area not taken by the Air Port. Very large developments are being planned including our whole water front and land is desperately needed for shops and bunk houses. I gave him the information as to the number of Children we had and also why they were with us. There are about twenty who could return to ~~their~~ family or relative but there are twenty two who have no home at all and it would be almost impossible to find a place for them. Then the question arose, how little could we get along with? I told him we could get along with our building site and the tillable land. The Captain seemed to think that would be a great help to them and while nothing was definite they would take the whole matter in consideration. I told him all transactions would have to go through you and your office. (Am I not an apt pupil). So you no doubt will be hearing from them soon.

Second: The new Highway with its attendant tearing up of all the pasture and hay land along the river presents a grave problem for our dairy. My judgment is to sell what milk cows we can (Father Galant in Skagway is looking for some) and keep but one or two at the most, butchering the rest. Our young stock we can put out to Mud Bay for the summer where there is good shelter and plenty of feed and water. Mud Bay is about eight miles out. We can bring them in in the fall and have a good supply of winter meat. With my new Garden Tractor I will be able to have a good garden and during the season of fresh vegetables be able to realize a good financial profit. There is another reason compelling me to cut down on the dairy herd and that is there is a limit to what I can do personally. Thomas has been offered a job as diesel mechanic and repair man for the C.A.A. at a little over \$3000. a year and an opportunity for advancement. Thomas is far more interested in mechanics than in farming and I do not want to have him miss this opportunity if it comes. This would mean I would have all the gardening and care of the Home to do alone plus the work of the Church which presents a greater challenge as the weeks go by. We are getting about 50 men per week and as soon as winter is over they are expecting some 6000 men to work on this road.

We have started plans for the building a new basement under the Church and have almost \$200. dollars raised already for the buying of materials. It will not require a great deal more in the way of money but where to find the labor I don't know. I may have to do that too this summer. The Church must meet its obligations and rise to its opportunity with this coming change. Haines is going to be the port of entry to the interior from now on and a large maintenance crew will be living here with their families. It may not be amiss to be thinking in terms of a whole new Church building.

Third: What are we to do about the help problem? Miss Horners Vacation is six months over due and Miss Edes is two. Both are rather tired as are the other two, Miss Farquharson and Mrs. King. Mrs. King our Native cook is not strong and has had the entire work of the kitchen alone all year. She has asked to be released. We need a cook and a relief worker. I am considering bringing some of the old Haines House girls back for the summer to help with the summer work. Also There is a possibility of having Mrs Wheeler return and take over the book work and correspondence. She is not well enough to do much else than a little of the supervision. The kitchen work is out. Maybe my experience of cooking in a Boy Scout camp will come in handy yet? I have been having the Mrs. do some pretty good cooking so as to have enough push to carry this through. You see she is on a diet and I gain all she loses. But seriously it is a real problem, but We will find a way. Any suggestions gratefully received.

There is no such thing as local help when any native can work for the construction company and receive \$250 dollars a month they just laugh at us. It will be a different story a few years from now.

Thus our problems come and I hope go but in the face of changing times and conditions we must cooperate. The bringing of shops and barracks in close proximity will present its problems too but this at best would only be temporary and I believe we can weather it. I still am of the opinion that the combination of the Home and S.J.S. is the best solution. Cheaper operation of the plant and closer to the center of need are factors to be considered. This might be sold for enough to build in that vicinity.

Looking to Him for strength to carry on we are not afraid.

sincerely

*Edwin E. Henderson*

C O P Y

March 8, 1943.

Subject: Proposed Landing Field,  
Haines, Alaska.

Reference: Your letter Jan. 23, 1943

Mr. W. P. Plett,  
Superintendent of Airway,  
Department of Commerce,  
Civil Aeronautics Administration,  
Anchorage, Alaska.

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Very truly yours,

Lucien H. Tribus  
Assistant General Counsel

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Miss Florence Goddard  
Lucien H. Tribus

June 29, 1942.

In reply to your memo of June 24th with reference to the bad characters in the Haines House Settlement, please be advised that I have had no further word. As advised Mr. Knudson at the time he was here, I believe the best procedure in handling this is to report the matter to the proper authorities and have them take the action rather than the Board. It is extremely dangerous for a private person or institution, unless they have proper and well founded evidence, to bring criminal charges as they place themselves in a position of being sued for liable in the event of failure to sustain. The proper procedure in all such cases is to file the information with the court or the district attorney's office. They will then investigate and the State will make the charges if it deems advisable.

Lucien H. Tribus

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## FAULKNER AND BANFIELD

Attorneys at Law

Juneau, Alaska

December 8, 1939

Mr. L. H. Tribus,  
Assistant to the Treasurer,  
Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Tribus:

In the last mail we received your letter of November 24th with reference to the proposals to eject certain tenants or occupants of portions of the Board's land at Sitka and Haines, Alaska.

You stated in your letter that you had written us on May 22nd, but we do not seem to have received that letter; and you said in your letter of November 24 that you were enclosing a copy, but we found no copy enclosed. You did enclose, however, a printed copy of the Act of the legislature of the State of New York incorporating the Board of National Missions.

In order to begin the suits, it will be necessary to have two certified copies of this Act for filing in the office of the Auditor and in the office of the Clerk of the District Court, and Appointment and Consent of Agent. I think the fees for filing these are approximately \$12.00.

We enclose three forms for the appointment and consent of agent, two of which you should execute and return to us, and the third one you may keep. The certified copies of the Act may be the same as the copy which you sent us, with the statement of the Secretary of State, under the seal of the Secretary of State, that it is a true copy of the original.

In the meantime we are writing Messrs. Sweets and Yaw for the names of the tenants whom they desire to eject and a description of the property. We enclose copies of those letters.

There is no reason why a corporation such as the Board of National Missions should file its articles at all in Alaska except for the provision of our statute which makes it necessary for a corporation incorporated or organized under another state to file its Articles and comply with the law before bringing suit. The law provides that no action shall be commenced or prosecuted by any foreign corporation until the Articles are filed and an agent appointed. The District Court has recently held that this applies to all corporations organized outside the Territory of Alaska, but, on the other hand, you are not doing business in Alaska in the sense that you would be subjected to any penalty for not filing, and we can see no reason in the world to file the Articles excepting for the purpose of bringing suits.

Yours very truly,

FAULKNER & BANFIELD

By (Signed) H. L. Faulkner

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Encl.

C O P Y

Haines, Alaska.  
April 1, 1939

Mr. C. N. Wanacott,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wanacott:

By the time this letter reaches you you will have received a letter from Mr. Faulkner under date of March 17th.

Mr. Faulkner calls our attention to several things which may cause us some difficulty should the natives decide to fight ejection.

However after reading Mr. Faulkner's letter over again I wonder if he understands that these natives were leasing these plots of ground under certain conditions and that they have not lived up to these requirements and so have violated their privileges.

I am writing Mr. Faulkner in this mail and explaining this more thoroughly.

In the mean time I have been advising these natives to sell their houses and have been finding buyers for them. I have disposed of two of them thus far with a possible chance of a third. In selling these houses I insist that they sell them with the understanding that the buyer is to move them off of the property within sixty days. Also make it a point to see the buyer myself and acquaint him with this fact.

For those three families who are to continue living on Board property may I suggest that leases be made out either by you in New York or Mr. Faulkner in Juneau, Alaska, and be sent to me so that I can get said parties to sign them before they start fishing. After they start fishing one never knows when to find them at home.

On a separate sheet I am listing lots now occupied. Also information to date regarding each.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) John W. Swats.

Johnnie Abbot Lot 4 and 7 Block 2

Suggest he be given lease to half of Lot 4 and all of Lot 7

Tyemeyer. Lot 6 Block 2 This was originally George Kasgo. Kasgo sold to Jackson Jackson sold to Willis, and Mrs. Willis after her husband's death sold to Tyemeyer. Tyemeyer an ex soldier married to Mrs. Willis' stepdaughter. Both Tyemeyer and wife very undesirable characters. Made them move off once and told them not to come back. During my absence last winter bought this house and moved in. Claims nobody is going to put him off.

Mrs. Henery Philips Lot 2 Block 3 House sold, to be torn down within sixty days.

Mrs. James King Lot 3 and 4 Block 3

First rent paid on record,

Nov. 21, 1923 No rent paid since 1936 House and garage in disreputable condition. No one living in it. Used as a camping place for a few weeks in the fall. Suggest removal.

Judson Brown Lot 1 Block 4 This originally belonged to Charlie James. First rent paid on record May 3, 1916

Judson Brown has left Haines has never paid any rent on this lot since he bought the house. House used as a camping place and for drunken parties. Suggest removal.

James Gibson. Lot 2 Block 4 Mrs. Gibson died and willed house to son Eli Philips. Suggest he be given lease to said lot.

Mrs. Eddie Warren Lot 3 Block 4 Originally owned by Sam Jackson. Suggest Mrs. Warren be given lease to above lot.

Jimmy Brown Lot 4 Block 4 First rent paid on record Nov. 21, 1923 Last rent paid Nov. 20, 1932. Brown no longer makes Haines his home House not occupied. Suggest he either return to Haines and pay rent or remove house from property.

John Benson Lot 5 Block 4 Benson's dead, house willed to Ed Shotridge an habitual drunkard. First rent paid on record Nov. 21, 1923. last rent paid Jan. 1, 1934. Have a buyer for this house if he will sell At present not here.

Mrs. Mary Donnelly Lot 6 Block 4 First rent paid on record Jan. 9 1926 last rent paid Nov. 1, 1937. No longer makes it her home but do not anticipate any trouble here.

John D. Ward. Lot 2 Block 5 House sold to be removed within sixty days.

HAINES, ALASKA

	<u>Building</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Insurance</u>
Administration Bldg. (Off. Kitchen, Dorm)	\$ 29,750.	\$ 4,910.25	\$ 34,660.
Wheeler Hall (Dispensary & Dorm.)	29,750.	2,038.00	31,788.
Farmer's Cottage (Dwell. & Garage)	1,150.	201.45	1,351.
Barn, silo, tool shed (Stock, feed & tools)	1,180.	2,163.50	3,343.
Open Shed	30.		30.
Shop, Woodshed	400.	93.75	495.
Church	4,000.		4,000.
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	\$ 71,260.	\$ 9,806.95	\$ 81,067.

Haines, Alaska  
July 27, 1940

Dear Dr. Wonacott:

Mr. Banks has requested that I send you a list of the lots on which the rentals have been paid and to what date. Also the lots from which tenants have been evicted and a third list of the lots that remain unleased but are available for rental.

First the lots on which rentals have been paid and to what date,

Lot 4 Block 2 Johnnie Abbot 25 ft. wide strip of this lot on which he has his blacksmith shop.

Lot 7 Block 2 Johnnie Abbot on which he has his house.

Rental paid on these two lots until Oct. 1, 1939. Recently he put in a dollars worth of work for Haines House and requested that it be applied to this years rent so I will collect only one dollar from him this fall.

Lot 2 Block 4 Eli Gibson. Rental paid until Oct. 1, 1939. This rental was paid in labor for Haines House. Did not have the cash last fall.

Lot 3 Block 4 Mrs. Eddie Warren. Rental paid until Oct. 1, 1939.

Lot 4 Block 4 J. W. Brown Rental paid until Oct. 1, 1939.

Erick Oslund a lot 100 ft by 125 ft. in dimensions located 412 ft. from Cor. No. 2 of the U. S. Military Reservation Rental paid until May 1st, 1940.

Lots from which tenants have been evicted.

Lot 5 Block 2 Ed Shotridge.

Lot 6 Block 2 Mrs. Thomas Willis House still on lot but not occupied and action has been taken to have house removed.

Lot 2 Block 3 Mrs. Janet Johnson.

Lot 3 and 4 Block 3 Mrs. James King.

Lot 5 Block 3 Mrs. James Watson.

Lot 1 Block 4 Judson Brown.

Lot 5 Block 4 John Benson.

Lot 6 Block 4 Mrs. Mary Donally Whittaker.

Lot 1 Block 5 John Jackson.

Lot 2 Block 5 John D. Ward.

Lot 8 Block 5 Willie Lee.

(Lot 1 Block 2 Town Fire Hall

Enclosed find a pencil sketch of the lots as requested by Mr. Banks.

Have received Mr. Moore Gates wire in regards to the land to be used for an air field. Miss Jessie Ogg was here at the time and requested to see the wire.

There have been no further developments but have reasons to believe that it will materialize. If they clear the adjoining six acres I feel that the Board is getting a good price for the six acres you offered to give them. To clear the brush off of the adjoining six acres will cost no less than \$1000.00.

Sorry to have kept you waiting for this information so long but have been unusually busy since my return from attending General Assembly.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) John W. Swets.

P.S. Started making a pencil sketch and tried to put it on a sheet of paper this size so it could be enclosed in this letter but the lines and figures had to be so small that that they were not readable. This letter will have to be mailed on the boat as the Post Office will not be open before the boat leaves. The description of the lots was taken from a survey of 1928 by Frank Metcalf.

(Signed) J. S. W.

## AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this 1st day of November 1940 by and between the BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York, with an office and principal place of business at 156 Fifth Avenue, City, County and State of New York, hereinafter known as the Landlord, and the HAINES COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Haines, Territory of Alaska, incorporated under the Territorial laws of the Territory of Alaska on January 24, 1910, hereinafter known as the Tenant

WITNESSETH, That the said Landlord has letten, and by these presents does grant, demise and to farm let, unto the said Tenant and the said Tenant does hereby take from the said Landlord the following described property:

Lots 2, 3, and 4, Block 3, City of Haines, Territory of Alaska

for a period of five years commencing on the 1st day of November 1940 and ending on the 31st day of October 1945, to be used only as a public playground.

AND the said Tenant hereby covenants and agrees to pay to the said Landlord an annual rent of Two Dollars (\$2.00) payable on the 1st day of November each and every year to the Treasurer of the Landlord at his office at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

AND that at the expiration of the said term the said Tenant will quit and surrender the premises hereby demised in as good state and condition as they were in at the commencement of the term.

AND that the Landlord agrees that the Tenant shall have the free use of all fruit, vegetables and other products of the premises during the term of this lease, and the Tenant agrees that the Tenant will permit no waste or injury to the trees.

AND that the Tenant agrees to observe all laws in effect in the Territory of Alaska and in the City of Haines pertaining to the proper administration, management and control of playgrounds and to hold the Landlord harmless from injury occurring to any person or persons, adults or infants, as the result of an accident occurring to said person or persons on the afore described property, whether said accident be due to the neglect of the Tenant or not.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS OF THE PRESBY-  
TERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA

By (Signed) John W. Swets

HAINES COMMON COUNCIL

By (Signed) Vera Midkiff City Clerk

By (Signed) John W. Swets, Mayor

March 12, 1943

My dear Mr. Knudsen:

I am sending this letter both by regular post and air mail hoping that one or the other will reach you without too great delay. We have given the most earnest consideration to your letter of February 21 reporting that Captain Byers of U.S.E.D. had called on you to ascertain the possibility of obtaining for their use our remaining Haines House property. Our reactions are mixed, as you may imagine - distressed at the thought of giving up Haines House on the one hand, and on the other, faced with the necessity of doing some long range planning. As we try to think into the future, there is little doubt in our minds that our Government will be much more active than in the past or at present in general welfare work including the care of orphan children and those from broken homes. As we look ahead, therefore, we see a decreasing responsibility for the Board to continue the type of work represented by Haines House. Moreover, the developments planned for Haines would seem to make that particular location a most undesirable one for a home for children.

As you know, there is a very strong sentiment in southeastern Alaska for this work at Haines House. Each year we receive an expression of commendation and appreciation from the Alaska Native Brotherhood, and many comments come to us from our church leaders in this area showing an interest and a real love for this appealing piece of work. Frankly, there would be a howl from our entire Alaskan constituency, to say nothing of that throughout the United States, if the Board itself even hinted at discontinuing this work. If, however, should the Government through the U.S.E.D. approach the Board for this property urging the Board as a patriotic act to make possible its development, we in this office are strongly of the opinion that the request would be granted. The Board would, of course, expect remuneration.

Since any building for the duration is out of the question and since no one here is favorable to the idea of annexing an orphanage to the high school at Sheldon Jackson School, the question of the reestablishment of this type of work would, of necessity, have to be delayed for the duration. We cannot, however, dismiss our obligation for the twenty-two children who have no home at all. We would probably have to secure the cooperation of our Christian native leaders in southeastern Alaska to find homes for at least some of these children with some small payment from us until they are of an age to be cared for in one of the Government schools or at the Sheldon Jackson School. This could probably be arranged.

I am sorry that Dr. King is not in the office. I should like to talk with him before writing you of our thinking in this office. It is indeed encouraging

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that with these new developments at Haines the church at Haines has such a bright  
challenging future.

Awaiting with much interest your report on the next step.

Very sincerely yours

Edna R. Voss, Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

Rev. Edwin E. Knudsen  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska  
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C O P Y

March 16, 1943

Dowell Construction Company  
315 Smith Tower  
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

We regret that we cannot enter into the proposed lease with your company for the following described property in view of the fact that we are entering into an agreement with the U. S. Government of a secret nature.

A parcel of land near Haines, Alaska, more particularly described as follows:

A plot 200 ft. North and South starting with Lot # 6 in Block # 4, extending 700 ft. East along present road.

Very truly yours,

Lucien H. Tribus  
Assistant General Counsel

cc/ Rev. Knudsen, Haines House, Haines, Alaska  
Miss Goddard

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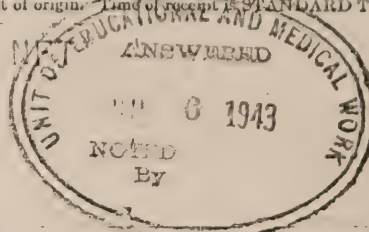
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EDNA R VOSS

156 FIFTH AVE NYK=



HAINES POSTMASTER REQUESTS LEASE OF LOTS TWO AND THREE IN BLOCK THREE FOR PURPOSE OF PLACING PORTABLE POSTOFFICE DURING PRESENT EMERGENCY STOP ARMY OFFICIALS CONCUR STOP PROPERTY FREE OF INCUMBERANCES=

EDWIN E KNUDSEN.

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Mr. Tribus  
Miss Gladfelter

July 8, 1943

In Miss Voss' absence, this is to report the following telegram received from Mr. Knudsen at Haines, Alaska:

"Haines Postmaster requests lease of lots two and three in block three for purpose of placing portable postoffice during present emergency stop army officials concur stop property free of incumbrances."

I am returning with this several surveys on which I have failed to locate the lots in question. I suggest that you check and if you can locate the lots, confer with me before contacting Mr. Knudsen.

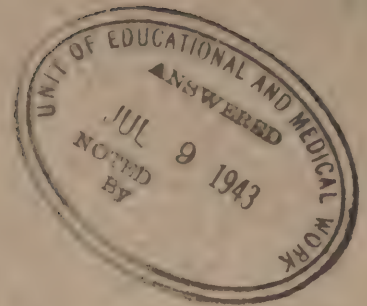
We shall probably have to approve this lease but I want to see first how close the lots are to the Home.

Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Assistant Secretary, Unit of  
Educational and Medical Work

KEG:md

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July 8, 1943



Rev. Edwin E. Knudsen Haines, Alaska  
Haines, Alaska

Dear Mr. Knudsen:

In the absence of Miss Voss, Miss Katherine E. Gladfelter has referred your telegram of July 8 to me, in which you request a lease of lots 2 and 3 in block 3 on Main Street, to the United States Government to be used as a site for a portable post office. Kindly send the usual government lease for same and I will have it executed and returned.

Sincerely yours,

Lucien H. Tribus,  
Assistant General Counsel

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July 9, 1943

My dear Mr. Knudsen:

In Miss Voss' absence, Mr. Tribus has just sent me a copy of his letter to you of July 8 and I see that he failed to report our conference to you as I understood he would. Before writing you, Mr. Tribus and I referred to the survey of our Haines property and identified lots 2 and 3 in block 3 which the Government wishes for a portable post office as being adjacent to the land which we deeded to the city several years ago. Because of this location and because of the fact that the lots are well-removed from the ground which Haines House is using, I was willing to take the responsibility of approving the lease for the Unit.

I just wanted you to have this explanation so that you would understand that your telegram was rightly sent to this office and that we agreed that the Government's request should be granted.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter  
Assistant Secretary, Unit of  
Educational and Medical Work

Rev. Edwin E. Knudsen  
Haines House  
Haines, Alaska

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MEMORANDUM TO Mr. Tribus  
FROM Miss Voss

September 3, 1943

I have just learned that Dr. A. B. Keeler is going to Alaska early this fall. I am gathering together for him material on a number of questions which I shall want him to look into for this Unit. Among the most important of these is the question of our work and property at Haines. We had a very confidential letter from Mr. Knudsen early in the year asking what the Board's attitude would be toward turning over the Haines House property complete to the Government. After consultation with Dr. Morse I wrote that if the Government made the Board a proposition we here thought it would be accepted. We have heard nothing further and do not want to write Mr. Knudsen through the censor as to what the situation is, but shall want Dr. Keeler to look into the matter when in Haines.

Now in connection with this proposition, which very confidentially and just between us is devoutly to be desired, we have been leasing and giving away and talking of selling a number of small lots for one purpose or another during the last four or five years. It would seem to me to be dangerous to do any more parceling until we know more definitely the possibility of this deal with the Government, but in order to be intelligent I think Dr. Keeler should have with him a drawing, either a tracing or a photostatic copy, of the Board's holdings at Haines with recent deals outlined and some information concerning them, that is, whether they were leased or sold, for how much and to whom. Would it be at all possible for your office to supply such a map and to give this office such information within the next ten days or two weeks? I shall appreciate your letting me know as soon as possible.

Edna R. Voss, Secretary  
Unit of Educational and  
Medical Work

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MEMORANDUM TO Dr. Keeler  
FROM Miss Voss September 14, 1943

With this I am giving you the most important correspondence we have had with Mr. Knudsen. It relates to the sale to the Government of our entire Haines property as contained in an excerpt from a letter of February 24 from Mr. Knudsen and our reply (yellow carbon) of March 12 authorizing negotiations. We have heard nothing from Mr. Knudsen relative to this and are worried, for such a sale seems to us to be a fine solution to our problem at Haines, the problem being the difficulty of maintaining a home for young children in the midst of an army camp, construction camp and what promises to be an embarkation point for the Alaska Highway. If the Government would take over this property as Mr. Knudsen intimated it might, we would have sufficient funds to build elsewhere if that seemed advisable.

We do not wish to commit ourselves, however, on rebuilding Haines, nor do we wish to raise a furor by giving the impression that we will not rebuild Haines, for this home is one of the most popular pieces of mission work with both natives and Anglos in Alaska. We feel sure that with a promise to take care of orphans which have no homes to be sent to for the duration we would have time to study the situation thoroughly in the light of new and progressive ways of handling orphaned children which may or may not be introduced in Alaska after the war. At least we would have a fund on hand if we needed it for this purpose.

Relative to the above I have asked Mr. Tribus, as you will see from my carbon to him, to prepare a map for us showing our holdings at Haines with recent leases and sales to various individuals and groups. I am giving you a copy of the latest request for property from us from a Mr. Everett Smith. We wrote to Mr. Knudsen for advice but have had no reply.

My object in giving you this material is that you may keep in mind the fact that should the Government wish to purchase this property we are not wise in selling or leasing off small parcels of it here and there.

Edna R. Voss  
Unit

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(COPY)

To: Miss Voss  
From: Miss Goddard  
Re: Haines, Alaska

September 15, 1943

M E M O R A N D U M

Mr. Tribus has reported the receipt from the War Department of the following leases for property at Haines House, Haines, Alaska:

Block #3 - Lots 2, 3, 4, and 5 - 150' x 140' lying south of and facing Main Street.

Purpose - military - temporary barracks, warehouses, and open storage.

Period - From December 1, 1942 through June 30, 1943. To remain in force from year to year without further notice but not to extend beyond six months after termination of national emergency. Subject to cancellation upon thirty days' notice.

Terms - \$96 per annum  
\$56 for period December 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943  
\$24 per quarter thereafter.

Block #4 - Lots 4, 5, 6, and 7 - 190' x 140' lying south of and facing Main Street.

- Purpose and period of lease - same as above

Terms - same as above

Block #5 - Lots 1 - 8 inclusive - 318' x 100' lying south of and facing Main Street.

Purpose and period of lease - same as above

Terms - \$192 per annum  
Payable \$112 for period December 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943  
\$48 payable quarterly thereafter.

Assistant in the Unit  
Educational and Medical Work

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Mr. Tribus  
Miss Goddard

September 15, 1943

With this, I am returning the three leases drawn up by the War Department for property at Haines House, Haines, Alaska.

Miss Voss asks me to say that this Unit approves the leases providing they are satisfactory to the Legal and Real Estate Departments of the Board.

In looking over the leases, we note that they are dated from December 1, 1942, showing that the property is evidently already in use. This being the case, the rent for the first period of seven months is due. We presume that you will take this up with the Finance Officer and will also take care of the future follow up on the rent.

We notice also that Mr. Knudsen's name is mentioned in the lease as the one to be notified in case of a wish to terminate the lease. We presume you will want to change this and substitute the name of someone here at headquarters. Probably Miss Voss' name should be given.

We are awaiting the copy of the survey showing the location of this property which you promised us.

Assistant in the Unit  
Educational and Medical Work

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Educational and Medical Work

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L.H. Tribus

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

October 7, 1943

Dr. A. B. Keeler  
Care of Rev. Willis R. Booth  
Box 3020  
Juneau, Alaska

Please investigate and advise by what right road built across Haines House property.  
No authority given by Board for road, airport or timber cutting. Secure particulars.  
Stop Concessions cramping our Haines work and making future that work impractical.  
Investigate with Knudson amount of claim we should present to Washington.

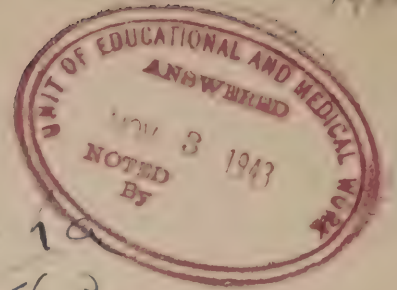
Edna R. Voss

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Ketchikan Alaska

Oct 3 1943



Dear Mrs. Voss:

I will be able to give you  
what I hope will be a pleasing  
report on the ob. sch. situation  
at Solka - also re the 14 names  
recently. I can not mail this  
them to you. But I will be in N.Y.  
before B.N. meeting & see you.

This trip has certainly done  
a good deal for me. The schools  
directly attached to your unit  
& the Board & their faculty, have  
only the very best things to say of you.

Sincerely yours

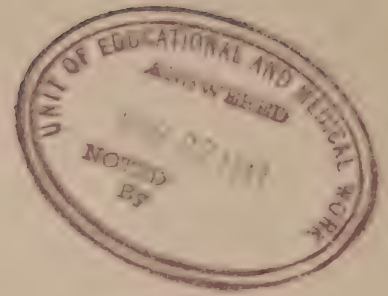
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Leslie Yaw, Superintendent

November 5, 1943

Miss Edna R. Voss  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

Here on my desk this morning is your letter of October 18. As you have gathered from earlier letters sent in, I did make the complete trip on the SJS II with the Preaching Mission. This involved a total trip of approximately 1400 miles. It was wonderfully fine throughout and I deeply appreciate the extra work carried by co-workers here which made that trip possible for me. It was a good thing to visit each church and to give encouragement to ministers, church officers, and congregations. We especially appreciated the wonderfully fine, uncomplaining, fighting spirit of Dr. Keeler. No one will ever be able to measure the spiritual attainments. However, we do feel that much good work on the church front in Alaska Presbytery was accomplished. As time will allow we are expecting to write up the trip in detail, and so to have a fuller picture for you.

I have written regarding problems of personnel at Haines, but have not mentioned the property, as Dr. Keeler investigated that angle rather thoroughly and is bringing in his full report. It is true that the physical picture there has been changing rather rapidly, and the process still goes on. Haines House now is surrounded with the main business part of town on one hand, and the new terminal of the highway on the other. It is difficult to foresee the future with our remaining bit of property held intact in the heart of this growing Alaska town. Probably the garden plot there has become much too valuable to continue raising potatoes. If that were now subdivided, it would be possible to sell lots along the main road 50' frontage, 100' deep at \$500 a lot. However, I believe Dr. Keeler's recommendation may turn out to be to dispose of the whole property outright and let some other promoter handle all the grief of subdivision. My general recommendation regarding the property is simply that if a development transpires involving disposal, our Board should receive fair compensation. That Haines property has very greatly enhanced in value by the new road.

Very truly yours

*Leslie Yaw*  
Leslie Yaw  
Superintendent

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To: Miss Voss  
From: A.B. Keeler

Excerpts from letter dated December 10, 1943, received from Rev. Willis R. Booth, Chairman, Committee on National Missions of the Presbytery of Alaska:

"A visitor this week, from Haines, informs me that the farmer for Haines House has not yet begun his work, as contemplated by us while on our visit to Haines in October.

Mrs. Elvira Maurstad, Juneau, expressed to me this week her surprise that she has not received some sort of communication from Miss Voss relative to her possibility of going to Haines House."

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"Yesterday, I had a conference with Mr. R.J. Shepard of Haines, Alaska, regarding the sewer pipe line proposed to cross the Mission property. He promised me a copy of the map showing the line within the next ten days.

Mr. Shepard also said, he had been trying to find a buyer for the Haines House property, but that he had not been able to find one thus far. The most any man said he would be willing to consider paying for it would be \$30,000. Mr. Shepard suggests that the Board will be able to realize much more for the property if it is sub-divided and sold as lots, at approximately \$100. per acre. If the Board is willing to consider doing it this way, reserving for the present the buildings and immediate grounds until a new location can be found and buildings erected, he will supervise the street surveying, and grading, and lot surveying, the sale of the lots, and will also finance the project until returns are made on the sale. He would at that time deduct the cost of survey, grading, and his 15% commission.

Mr. Shepard recommends that, if done after this wise, all titles to lots be restricted to provide that no property be sold for the use of any type of liquor business, and that certain lots be set aside for business houses, and certain lots be set aside for residences.

I am sure the Board would rather sell the property as a whole and be through with it, but that may not be so easy, certainly at present.

Please give me your reaction to the suggestion of Mr. Shepard, that I may pass it on to him."

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November 29, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. C. B. Schmeltzer  
First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers  
War Department, U.S. Engineer Office  
Northwest Division  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

My dear Mr. Schmeltzer:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your three letters of November 20 and 22 enclosing the signed leases relating to our property at Haines, Alaska, as follows:

Block # 3, Lots 2,3,4 and 5

" # 4, Lots 4,5,6 and 7

" # 5, Lots 1 to 3

In your letter you state that instructions will be furnished at a later date concerning the method by which payments of rent will be made. We trust that this information will reach us soon since these leases are dated December 1, 1942 and to date no payments have been made.

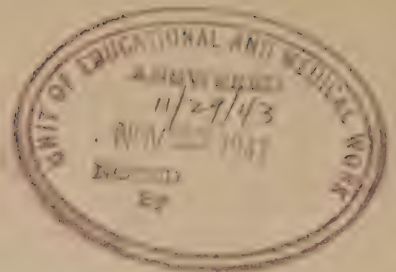
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UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE  
NORTHWEST DIVISION  
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REFER TO FILE NO. NWDRE  
601.53 (Presbyterian Church  
Haines, Alaska)

20 November 1943.

Miss Edna R. Voss,  
Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

Inclosed for your record is executed copy of  
Lease No. W-3416-Eng-1187 (4422-44) dated 1 December 1942  
for the period 1 December 1942 until terminated, but not  
beyond six months after the date of termination of the  
present National Emergency.

Instructions will be furnished you at a later  
date concerning the method by which payment of rent money  
will be made.

A photostatic copy of this lease has been furnished  
Reverend E. E. Knutson, Presbyterian Mission, Haines, Alaska,  
for his records. *Knutson*

For the Division Engineer:

Very truly yours,

*Leases turned over  
to Mr. Tenbus*

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1st Lieut., Corps of Engineers,  
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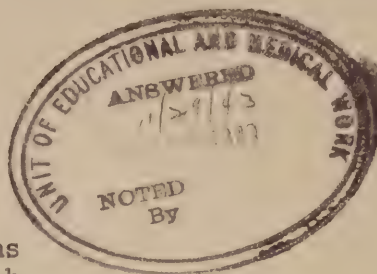
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REFER TO FILE NO. NWDRE  
601.53 (Presbyterian Church  
Haines, Alaska)

22 November 1943.



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For the Division Engineer:

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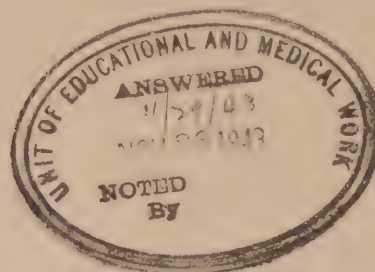
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Haines House, Haines Alaska.

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Foot. using approx. 60 acres.

timber

Highway

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Army  
post.

in foot

Construction barracks.

Haines  
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Public School

Cottage  
settlement

Tram  
station

Garden.

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Bar

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E.

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Miss Voss

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December 6, 1943

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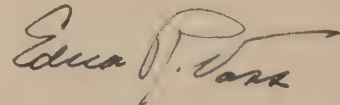
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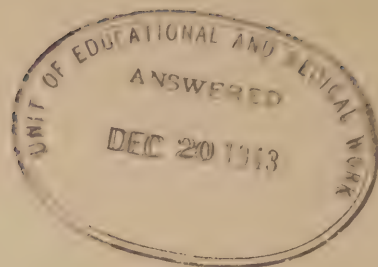
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS

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REFER TO FILE NO. CE 601.1 HAINES CUT-OFF MILITARY ROAD, Alaska  
Board of Home Missions SPELP

17 December 1943



Miss Voss,  
Secretary of Educational and Medical Work,  
Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Dear Miss Voss:

Reference is made to your recent conference with Mr. Connolly of this office concerning the property of the Board of Home Missions at Haines, Alaska, and the intentions of the War Department with respect to the acquisition of the same either in whole or in part.

Since your visit to this office a directive has issued for the acquisition of a perpetual easement for the Haines Cut-Off Military Road across a portion of this property but the information submitted to this office is not sufficient to identify the location of the road on the property. The only other part of the Board of Home Missions property now being used by the Government of which this office has any information is a part leased for barracks for construction employees.

The representatives of this office in Alaska have been requested to furnish complete information as to the present use of the property for military purposes, including the facts with reference to the use, which you stated Army airplanes and bombers have been making, of a portion of the property for landing and take-off purposes.

As soon as detailed information has been furnished this office on the subject, you will be fully advised.

For the Chief of Engineers:

Very respectfully,

*John J. O'Brien*  
JOHN J. O'BRIEN,  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers,  
Chief, Real Estate Division.



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December 27, 1913

My dear Mr. Dimond:

Thank you so much for calling up the War Department. A letter came from them written that day promising information as quickly as it is received from Alaska. I will keep you posted, for I know you are interested.

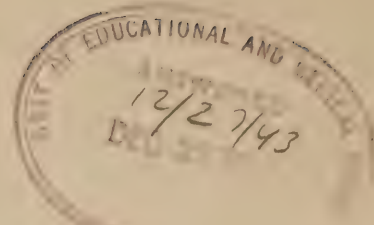
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Congress of the United States  
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December 22, 1943

Miss Edna R. Voss, Secretary,  
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156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Voss:

Upon receipt of your letter of December 16, I called Mr. Connolly's office on the telephone and talked with him. He advises that further information has been requested from Alaska but that it has not yet been received; that when it is received he will promptly tell you what may be done. In fact he told me that a letter to you giving the status of the matter had been dictated and would be out of the Department soon. Doubtless this letter is now in your hands.

If at any time there is anything further that I can do to help, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

  
Anthony J. Dimond  
Delegate

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December 16, 1943

My dear Mr. Dimond:

We are being pushed to some decision by Mr. Knudsen who wishes to be relieved of the leadership at Haines House in Haines, Alaska, and by the woman we have in mind to succeed him and by others who must make up the staff at Haines House, but have heard nothing whatever from the War Department as to whether the Government is still interested in taking the whole of the property or whether it has taken all that it means to take for the duration. If the former, we cannot make appointments of a new staff. If the latter, we must move quickly.

Since you were kind enough to ask me to keep you informed as to what we learn from the War Department, I am again putting up our problem to you. We did not see Col. O'Brien but were referred to a Mr. Connolly of the Real Estate Office. Mr. Connolly knew nothing himself of the Haines situation and learned nothing from him many telephone calls to different offices while Mr. Tribus and I were with him. As a matter of fact, he was told that there was no road through our property and that there was no airport. We assured Mr. Connolly that we were not protesting about any Government action. We were simply trying to find out where we stood in order to plan for the fifty or sixty children for whom we were responsible at the orphanage. We left with the promise by Mr. Connolly that they would get in touch with Haines by wire and give us definite information if at all possible. As I said above, to date nothing has come in and I am wondering if a little jogging from your office might not help matters.

Mr. Tribus and I both thoroughly appreciated the time, help and gracious reception you gave us two weeks ago in Washington. Conferences in Washington are not always a pleasure. That with you was.

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*and  
1/25 file*

Mr. Tribus  
Miss Goddard

*Pmp  
Haines*

February 11, 1944

We were glad to receive your memorandum of February 10, reporting the receipt of checks totaling \$416.00, covering rent from December 1, 1942 to December 31, 1943 on the property at Haines, Alaska, leased to the War Department for barracks and warehouses. We presume you will turn these checks over to us, so that we can advise the Treasurer's Office as to the proper credit.

Assistant in the Unit  
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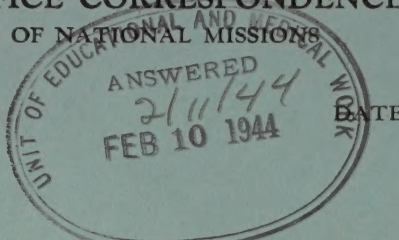
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FROM  
RE:

Miss F. Goddard  
L. H. Tribus  
Haines Alaska



Feb. 10, 1944.

We have received from the War Department, Finance Office, Seattle, Wash. the following checks covering rental of Haines, Alaska property:

Lots 1 to 8, both inclusive, Block 5

\$112. from 12/1/42 to 6/30/43

96. from 7/1/43 to 12/31/43

Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7 Block 4

\$56. from 12/1/42 to 6/30/43

48. from 7/1/43 to 12/31/43

Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 Block 3 -

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48. from 7/1/43 to 12/31/43

L. H. Tribus

MT

MEMO: Miss Voss  
FROM: Miss Goddard  
RE: Haines Property leased to Government

DATE: March 15, 1944

<sup>the</sup> Upon receipt of word from Mr. Tribus on February 19, 1944, ~~with~~ checks totaling \$16 had been received from the War Department covering rental on property leased to Government. I sent a memo in reply, saying that I presumed he would turn the checks over to us so that we could advise the Treasurer's Office as to the proper credit. Not hearing anything further from him, I checked later and learned that the checks had been turned over to the Treasurer's Office. There I found that they had been credited to Haines Property Account, (not our Unit). I questioned this and said I thought the amount should be credited to Educational and Medical Work. I presume this is correct since our Unit is using the major part of the property and has carried all of the negotiations with Mr. Tribus for the lease. Of course we may have to divide the proceeds later with Mr. Jackson's Department, but unless the money is credited to our Unit now, I fear we will lose our claim on it entirely. At my request the Treasurer's Office is transferring the credit to an Ed & Med Haines Property Account.

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